

STEAMERS READY FOR SUBMARINES

English Liners Have Life Boats Spung and Provisioned.

AIRSHIPS FIRE ON ROYALTY

Montenegro King, Queen and Children Watch Austrians as Bullets Fall.

LONDON, Feb. 15. In a statement to the house of commons today...

PETROGRAD, Feb. 15.—Imperial Nicholas today returned to Tsarskoe Selo from a visit to the Russian army headquarters at the front.

CETTINJE, Montenegro, Feb. 15.—The members of the royal family of Montenegro were subjected yesterday to their residence at Rijeka to machine gun fire from two Austrian aeroplanes.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The threatened submarine blockade of the ports of the British Isles is still an absorbing topic for English newspapers...

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FLOODS PERIL ITALY'S RELICS

Streams Out of Banks and Many Buildings Inundated; Few Remember Similar Conditions in Rome.

ROME, Feb. 15.—Italy, just having passed through a period of great anxiety as to the result of destructive earthquakes...

In low lying quarters the people have been driven from their homes or are prisoners in the upper stories of their houses.

In Rome the river Tiber is more than 50 feet out of the normal banks and is rising at the rate of two inches an hour.

The Leonine city, as the various quarters of Rome is called, is in the lower part of the town and this section is generally flooded.

AMERICANS WOUNDED

Twenty-three Are Hurt in Carnival Riot at Panama City; Investigation Is Under Way.

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THE WORM TURNS, WHISKEY TO GO UP?

COUNSELVILLE, Pa., Feb. 15.—Increase in the price of rye is held responsible for the curtailment of the manufacture of whiskey...

Another large plant now is running at reduced capacity while a fourth already has been closed.

A number of smaller distilleries in Fayette county which did not start the usual winter run when the price of rye began to rise...

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MAJORITY VOTE BY RESOLUTION

Washington Representative Proposes Change in Federal Constitution; New Amendment Proposed.

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LIVE AT GUN'S MOUTH

French Say Germans Can Level Rheims in Thirty Minutes; Inhabitants Urged.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—French officials at Rheims told him German guns were less than three kilometers from Rheims and could level the city within 30 minutes...

Mr. Riquart was in Rheims February 2 and 3.

"I visited the cathedral," Mr. Riquart said, "and talked with the priests in charge. By their courtesy I was permitted to inspect the steeple closely."

There has been no bombardment of the cathedral, however, since the first attack.

The entire population of the city, now about fifteen thousand, is living fifty feet underground in wine cellars.

In some of these big cellars they have erected altars and conduct religious services by the light of candles stuck in the mouths of empty wine bottles.

"There are millions of bottles of wine stored in the vicinity of Rheims, none of which can be exported because it cannot be moved."

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PROBE ORDERED FOR SHIP BILL

Lobbying By Trust and Administration Negotiations to Be Investigated.

DEMOCRATS VOTE FOR MOTION

Filibustering Republicans Favor Action Expected to Finally Decide Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Investigation of the charges of influence at work for and against the administration ship bill was ordered today by the senate.

Administration Democrats and filibustering Republicans today voted for a resolution to look into charges of lobbying by the so-called shipping trust...

There are only 15 working days left to the sixty-third congress. Some senators were of the opinion that the session was likely to be prolonged and that it could not be completed before March 4.

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CANADA FEARING BORDER RAIDERS

Two Mysterious Flyers Go Into Dominion From United States; Guards Placed; Lights Extinguished.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—Residents of Brockville refuse to accept the statements of young men of Montserrat, N. Y., that balloons sent up by them last night were responsible for the report that aeroplanes had crossed the border at that point and flew toward Ottawa.

The Canadian press today received dispatches saying that respectable residents claimed they saw the aeroplanes cross the St. Lawrence from the United States last night and that they also saw them homeward bound at 1:30 a. m. today.

The incident, it was said by the dominion police, would be reported to the state department at Washington.

Various persons told the police that the machines approached Brockville at 8:10 o'clock last night and that the second followed in the same path about 20 minutes later.

Both were said to have disappeared in the direction of Ottawa.

The report was telegraphed here and lights in and around the public buildings and government house were extinguished.

IN MEMORY OF MAINE

Memorial Services Are Held for Dead in Washington and New York; President Sends Flowers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Memorial services for the dead of the battleship Maine were held here today. Bluejackets and marines participated.

The Cuban minister, Carlos Manuel De Cespedes, and Representative Kahn of California were present.

A feature was the playing of floral tributes from President Wilson and the president of Cuba on the Maine anchor and mainmast.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Survivors of the battleship Maine, destroyed in Havana harbor Feb. 15, 1898, including Rear Admiral Sigsbee, retired, commander, and the Rev. J. P. Childwick, chaplain of the Maine when she was blown up, will be the principal speakers tonight at the annual memorial service of the Colonel John Jacob Astor camp, United Spanish War Veterans.

WU TING FANG SAYS FILIPINOS DESERVE FREEDOM

MANILA, Feb. 15.—Wu Ting Fang, former minister to the United States, on leaving for his home in China, declared the Philippines should not always be a dependent state.

Day In Congress.

SENATE

Eight over administration ship bill awaited action in house.

HOUSE

Miscellaneous bills considered, under unanimous consent rule.

Democrats prepared for session to-night on administration ship bill.

OIL PRICE CUT AGAIN

Prairie Oil and Gas Company Announce Another Five Cent Slash; New Price Forty Cents.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Feb. 15.—The Prairie Oil & Gas company today announced a cut of 5 cents a barrel in the price of crude oil.

TEN BILLIONS COST TO ALLIES

David Lloyd George Tells House of Commons France Is Paying Most of War Expense.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In a statement "estimates of the arrangement made at the recent conference between the finance ministers of France and Russia and himself in Paris, David Lloyd George told the house of commons...

Great Britain, the chancellor of the exchequer told the house of commons, could finance the war for five years out of the proceeds of her investments abroad.

France was able to do so, for about two or three years with something to spare, Russia he said, although rich in natural resources was in a different position.

War at a Glance

The German government in a note presented today to the state department at Washington announced its willingness to consider resending from its intention of attacking British merchantmen provided Great Britain would desist from efforts to prevent foodstuffs from reaching the civil population of Germany.

The German plan this note sets forth, is in retaliation for what is termed Great Britain's violation of international law by attempting to cut off the food supplies of non-combatants.

David Lloyd George, British chancellor of the exchequer, estimated the cost of the war to the allies at \$10,000,000,000 during the current year.

German troops are advancing rapidly everywhere in East Prussia, the Berlin war office says in its statement today.

In northern Poland, also considerable gains are reported. Petrograd military commentators assert Russia will gain an advantage in failing back to her own territory by depriving Germany of the use of her railroads, which she employed effectively in transporting troops along the front when the fighting was on German soil.

In French Lorraine the Germans achieved a local victory occupying portions which the allies were able to recover only by a counter-attack.

Trench warfare continues with varying degrees of intensity elsewhere along the front and both the French and German war offices in today's communications claim small victories.

After a long period of inactivity, fighting between Austria and Montenegro has been resumed.

An Austrian fleet has bombarded the Montenegrin port of Antivari and two Austrian aeroplanes attacked with machine guns the palace in which were King Nicholas and the other members of the Montenegrin royal family.

Of the great struggle in Poland, Galicia and Bukovina, there is little new information.

A decisive battle in northern Poland is looked for when the retreating Russians reach positions in which they decided to make their stand.

In Bukovina another important contest is in progress. The long drawn-out struggle in the Carpathians shows no sign of approaching an end.

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THE WEATHER

Washington Forecast. Oklahoma, West Texas—Tonight and Tuesday fair.

PETTIT CALLED AGAINST WELCH

Former Deputy in Insurance Department Will Give Evidence Tonight.

HAS PHOTOGRAPHED LETTERS

Report on School Land Loans in Roger Mills County Also Expected.

Some sensational developments are looked for during the coming week in connection with investigations that either have been ordered or are now in progress in the legislature.

The probe of State Insurance Commissioner A. L. Welch is expected to reach a crisis tonight when Arthur Pettit, who for a time was assistant commissioner under Welch and who served in that capacity under P. A. Ballard, will testify.

It is understood that Pettit will introduce photographs of alleged correspondence between Insurance Commissioner Welch and officials of the Union Mutual Insurance company of End before the department.

These letters, in some instances charges similar to those made by Pettit during the recent primary campaign, Representative N. B. Maxey of Muskogee has turned over some information that has been furnished him to members of the committee and may testify tonight.

Ordered by Governor. It is understood that Governor Williams has ordered a thorough probe of the insurance department.

Some of the Democratic leaders were inclined to slight the investigation because the resolution calling for the probe was introduced by Republican members of the house.

Speaker McCrory is expected some time today to appoint the house members of the joint committee which will probe the Oklahoma Sanitarium company in compliance with the resolution by Amos Ewing of Guthrie which has passed both houses.

Senators Wilson of Canadian and Carpenter of Mangum have been appointed as the senate members of the committee.

The probe of the Norman sanitarium deal will probably develop some interesting testimony. An investigation of the moving picture bill episode of the 1913 legislature which led to (Continued on last page.)

COTTON EXPORTS BEYOND NORMAL

Monthly Report of Census Bureau at Washington Shows 300,000 More Bales Shipped Than in Jan. 1913.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Cotton exports were beyond normal proportions during January. The quantity was more than 300,000 bales greater than last year, according to the monthly report of the census bureau issued today.

Cotton used was less than the usual January total, as 500,000 fewer spindles were operated during the month. Manufacturing establishments held less cotton January 31 than they did a year ago, but in independent warehouses the quantity on hand was greater by 1,800,000 bales.

Exports included 585,534 bales to the United Kingdom, 217,982 bales to Italy, 39,913 bales to Germany, 70,101 bales to France and 387,845 bales to all other countries.

Total exports for the six months ending January 31 were 2,500 bales less than during that period last year.

Cotton used during January was 46,877 bales exclusive of linters compared with 517,239 in January last year, the census bureau announced today.

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HOGS HAVE A DISEASE

Strange Malady Has Attacked Them Near Lawton and State Veterinarian Has Gone to Investigate It.

State Veterinarian Robnett is in Lawton to determine what is killing hogs in the wholesale in the country near that city.

The board of agriculture having been asked to send someone to investigate conditions, farmers near Lawton who have lost a number of hogs were afraid the hoof and mouth disease had caught them, but the symptoms were that the cholera had broken out among the animals.

No report has come to the board today what the disease might be, but President Gauld did not think that it was the hoof and mouth disease.

One farmer near Lawton said he had lost eighty-two hogs within the past six weeks, another farmer lost twenty head and others more or less.

In some instances, especially with the older hogs, their feet and heads would decay before death finally came.

REGULATION OF PHYSICIANS DISCUSSED AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Medical legislation and education today were discussed at the annual mid-winter conference of the Medical Society.

EUROPEAN BUYERS CAUSE WHEAT GAIN

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Rebound of European purchases of wheat amounted to millions of bushels, but no wheat prices today with a variety that was a remainder of Saturday's soft decline.

Before the session was half over today, more than 300,000 bushels had been added to the firm values of the last week.

May wheat raising to \$1.50 1/8. July, which has become the leading option in point of activity, mounted 40 cents to \$1.33.

The greatest strength was shown in the last half of the day. May delivery touched the \$1.50, and July \$1.34, making the maximum. The close was strong at nearly the top figures reached.

A huge decrease in the United States visible supply of total had much to do with the later uptick in prices.

WAR OF DEFENSE PLAN OF RUSSIA

German Will Not Be Able to Make Lightning Changes Out of Own Country Say Petrograd Experts.

PETROGRAD, via London, Feb. 15.—The forced retirement of the Russian forces from East Prussia is expected to result in a reversion by the Russians to their original plan of conducting a defensive campaign on their own territory.

It is pointed out here this should result in an advantage to the Russians in that Germany would be deprived of the transportation facilities which she was able to use with great effectiveness during the fighting within her own borders.

When an offensive campaign was undertaken and the Russians invaded East Prussia and Galicia early in the war, the Germans were forced to withdraw a large number of troops from the west.

This was considered here to have contributed largely to the German reverse in the battle of Marne. Russian officers say the object of their offensive campaign has been achieved and that the disposition now is to fall back to their original plan of defensive operations on Russian soil along a line from the Nieman river in the north through Ostrolenka, Ralgrad and on to Graeva.

With this program in operation observers say, it probably will be impossible to retard the German advance and at the same time, defensive operations will be hampered because the Russians will be harassed no longer by the lightning changes along the German front.

In the southwest the Russians are holding the Carpathian passes of Wislawa and Nadworna against German assaults and according to reports here are daily capturing German and Austrian prisoners and guns.

Another battle in which bayonet attacks were made by the Russians is reported from Smolka. During the night the Russians surrounded an Austrian position and took prisoners ten officers and 400 men.

NO FLOUR IN THE CITY

Residents of Mexican Capital Are Urged to Buy Corn Meal; Passports Again Needed at Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—There is no flour in Mexico City, state department advises say today, and bread is being made from corn meal.

Carranza forces there disclaim any intention of evacuating the city. Zapata forces still hold south of the suburbs.

General Gutierrez, who fled from the capital is reported with General Blanco at Valle, fifty miles west of Tampico, with 3,000 troops.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Feb. 15.—Passports again are required before a person can depart from Vera Cruz by sea. A decree issued today by the Carranza government specifies that this regulation applies to all foreigners as well as citizens of Mexico.

ASK WHEAT EMBARGO

New York's Mayor Urges Wilson to Prevent Shipping of Grain to Halt Bread Price Increases.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Wilson today received a letter from Mayor Mitchell of New York urging that an embargo be placed on the exportation of wheat to check the increase in the price of bread and flour.

The president previously has taken the stand that congress alone has the authority to declare such an embargo. Representative Farr of Pennsylvania has a bill pending in the house for the purpose.

Mr. Wilson already had directed Attorney General Gregory to watch for an evidence that illegal combinations have been responsible for the increased cost of food and to be ready to adopt any other practical suggestion for meeting the situation.

Officials do not believe, however, that he will favor placing an embargo on the exportation of foodstuffs.

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GERMANS OFFER TO CHANGE PLAN

Will Reconsider Proposed Merchantmen Attacks if England Lets Food Through

NOTE TO STATE DEPARTMENT

Declare British Are Arming Vessels Which Will Be Considered Warships.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Count Bismarck, the German ambassador, today presented to the state department a note from his government, announcing that Germany stands ready to withdraw its offer to attack British merchantmen if Great Britain will withdraw its efforts to prevent foodstuffs from going to Germany for the civilian population.

The note declares Germany's plan to attack British merchantmen is a retaliatory measure because of the alleged violation of international law by trying to starve the non-combatant population of Germany and that the latter government is ready to withdraw from its purpose as expressed in the naval war zone decree as far as it applied to merchant vessels, as well as Great Britain, either of its own volition or as a result of negotiations through neutral expresses her willingness to return to the usual practice of international law in the question of foodstuffs.

Own Merchant Vessels. The German note adds that the Berlin government has information that English merchant vessels are being armed and have orders to sail in groups for protection and further that they would try to sink submarines. It declared there was no question of searching them. The result would be that German ships would fight them because they are now held to be warships.

The note declares further that Great Britain, according to the information of Germany intended to use neutral flags and that, therefore, neutral shipping would be in danger in the war zone. It was urged further that meanwhile neutral shipping observe the request of Germany and go around the north of Scotland, in the course of which had been declared outside the war zone.

Not a Reply. It was stated that the note received by the ambassador today was his personal office and carried by him personally to the state department.

PROPOSE TO BUY ITALIAN'S HELP

Rome Newspaper Says Germans Will Soon Make Offer for Assistance in War; Threat From Von Buelow.

ROME, Sunday, Feb. 15.—The Idea Nazionale, a newspaper published by the interests of the nationalist party, in its issue of today publishes a forecast of German proposals to Italy which reads as follows:

"Before the end of February, Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador to Italy will present to the Italian government a concrete proposal for Italian participation in the war on the side of Germany. This consists of the cession by Austria of the province of Trent and the rectification of the eastern Italian frontier by the addition of a strip of land going as far as the Isarco river. In addition Germany will propose herself to conclude a new treaty with Italy which will afford protection to Italy's Mediterranean interests."

In exchange Italy is to take part at once in the war. She will occupy Tunis and help Turkey drive the English from Egypt which will return under the dominion of the sultan of Turkey. In addition the Italian fleet will attack the Anglo-French naval forces in the Mediterranean."

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